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Delenda eſt Carthago——

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IT is uſually thought, with great Juſtice, a very impertinent thing in a private Man to intermeddle in Matters which regard the State. But the Memorial which is mentioned in the following Letter is ſo daring, and ſo apparently deſigned for the moſt Traiterous Purpoſe imaginable, that I do not care what Miſinterpretation I ſuffer, when I expoſe it to the Reſentment of all Men who value their Country, or have any Regard to the Honour, Safety, or Glory of their Queen. It is certain there is not much Danger in delaying the Demolition of *Dunkirk* during the Life of his preſent moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, who is renowned for the moſt inviolable Regard to Treaties; but that pious Prince is aged, and in caſe of his Deceaſe, now the Power of *France* and *Spain* is in the ſame Family, it is poſſible an Ambitious Succeſſor, (or his Miniſtry in a King's Minority) might diſpute his being bound by the Act of his Predeceſſor in ſo weighty a Particular.

Mr. IRONSIDE,

‘YOU employ your important Moments, methinks, a little too frivolouſly, when you conſider ſo often little Circumſtances of Dreſs and Behaviour, and never make mention of Matters wherein you and all your Fellow-Subjects in general are concerned. I give you now an Opportunity, not only of manifeſting your Loyalty to your Queen, but your Affection to your Country, if you treat an Inſolence done to them both with the Diſdain it deſerves. The encloſed Printed Paper in *French* and *Engliſh* has been handed about the Town, and given *gratis* to Paſſengers in the Streets at Noon-Day. You ſee the Title of it is, *A moſt humble Addreſs, or Memorial preſented to her Majeſty the Queen of* Great Britain, *by the Deputy of the Magiſtrates of* Dunkirk. The nauſeous Memorialiſt, with the moſt fulſom Flattery tells the Queen of her Thunder, and of Wiſdom and Clemency adored by all the Earth, at the ſame time that he attempts to undermine her Power, and eſcape her Wiſdom, by beſeeching her to do an Act which would give a well-grounded Jealouſie to her People. What the Sycophant deſires is, that the Mole and Dikes of *Dunkirk* may be ſpared; and, it ſeems, the Sieur *Tugghe*, for ſo the Petitioner is called, was Thunderſtruck by *the Denunciation* (*which he ſays*) *the Lord Viſcount* Bolinbroke *made to him*, That her Majeſty did not think to make any Alteration in the dreadful Sentence ſhe had pronounced againſt the Town. Mr. IRONSIDE, I think you would do an Act worthy your general Humanity, if you would put the Sieur *Tugghe* right in this Matter, and let him know That her Majeſty has pronounced no Sentence againſt the Town, but his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty has agreed that the Town and Harbour ſhall be Demoliſhed.

‘That the *Britiſh* Nation expect the immediate Demolition of it.

‘That the very Common People know, that within three Months after the ſigning of the Peace, the Works towards the Sea were to be demoliſhed, and within three Months after it the Works towards the Land.

‘That the ſaid Peace was ſigned the laſt of *March*, O. S.

‘That the Parliament has been told from the Queen, that the Equivalent for it is in the Hands of the *French* King.

‘That

‘That the Sieur *Tugghe* has the Impudence to aſk the Queen to remit the moſt material Part of the Articles of Peace between Her Majeſty and his Maſter.

‘That the *Britiſh* Nation received more Damage in their Trade from the Port of *Dunkirk*, than from almoſt all the Ports of *France*, either in the Ocean or in the Mediterranean.

‘That Fleets of above thirty Sail have come together out of *Dunkirk*, during the late War, and taken Ships of War as well as Merchant Men.

‘That the Pretender ſailed from thence to *Scotland*; and that it is the only Port the *French* have till you come to *Breſt*, for the whole Length of St. *George*'s Channel, where any conſiderable Naval Armament can be made.

‘That deſtroying the Fortifications of *Dunkirk* is an inconſiderable Advantage to *England*, in Compariſon to the Advantage of deſtroying the Mole, Dykes and Harbour, it being the Naval Force from thence which only can hurt the *Britiſh* Nation.

‘That the *Britiſh* Nation expect the immediate Demolition of *Dunkirk*.

‘That the *Dutch*, who ſuffered equally with us from thoſe of *Dunkirk*, were, probably, induced to Sign the Treaty with *France* from this Conſideration, That the Town and Harbour of *Dunkirk* ſhould be deſtroyed.

‘That the Situation of *Dunkirk* is ſuch, as that it may always keep Runners to obſerve all Ships ſailing on the *Thames* and *Medway*.

‘That all the Suggeſtions, which the Sieur *Tugghe* brings concerning the *Dutch*, are falſe and ſcandalous.

‘That whether it may be advantageous to the Trade of *Holland* or not, that *Dunkirk* ſhould be demoliſhed, it is neceſſary for the Safety, Honour, and Liberty of *England* that it ſhould be ſo.

‘That when *Dunkirk* is demoliſhed, the Power of *France*, on that Side, ſhould it ever be turned againſt us, will be removed ſeveral hundred Miles further off of *Great Britain* than it is at preſent.

‘That after the Demolition there can be no conſiderable Preparation made at Sea by the *French* in all the Channel but at *Breſt*; and that *Great Britain* being an Iſland, which cannot be attacked but by a Naval Power, we may eſteem *France* effectually removed by the Demolition from *Great Britain* as far as the Diſtance from *Dunkirk* to *Breſt*.

‘Pray, Mr. IRONSIDE, repeat this laſt Particular, and put it in a different Letter, *That the Demolition of* Dunkirk *will remove* France *many hundred Miles further off from us*; and then repeat again, *That the* Britiſh *Nation expects the Demolition of* Dunkirk.

‘I Demand of you, as you Love and Honour your Queen and Country, that you inſert this Letter, or ſpeak, to this Purpoſe, your own way; for in this all Parties muſt agree, that however bound in Friendſhip one Nation is with another, it is but prudent, that, in caſe of a Rupture, they ſhould be, if poſſible, upon equal Terms.

‘Be Honeſt, old NESTOR, and ſay all this; for whatever half-witted hot Whigs may think, we all value our Eſtates and Liberties, and every true Man of each Party muſt think himſelf concerned that *Dunkirk* ſhould be Demoliſhed.

‘It lies upon all who have the Honour to be in the Miniſtry to haſten this Matter, and not let the Credulity of an honeſt brave People be thus infamouſly abuſed in our open Streets.

‘I cannot go on for Indignation; but pray God that our Mercy to *France* may not expoſe us to the Mercy of *France*.

Your humble Servant,

Engliſh Tory.

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